

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BONN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4719  
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS  
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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PEPR PGOV TSPA UR GW US UK FR  
SUBJECT: RENEWED SOVIET DEMARCHE ON OTRAG

REFS: (A) STATE 8302; (B) STATE 1551 (C) 77 BONN 21309

1. THE SOVIETS DID NOT SUCCEED IN DELIVERING THE NEW DEMARCHE TO THE FRG ON JANUARY 11. AMBASSADOR FALIN HAD AN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS OTRAG WITH STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL THIS AFTERNOON (JANUARY 12) AND PRESUMABLY DELIVERED THE NOTE AT THAT TIME. WE PROVIDED AN ADVANCE COPY TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, TAKEN FROM REF (A), BEFORE VAN WELL RECEIVED FALIN.

2. THE RENEWED DEMARCHE IN OUR VIEW WILL NECESSITATE A CHANGE IN THE PROPOSED ALLIED REPLY TO THE AUGUST 22 DEMARCHE. WE HAVE NOT YET SOUGHT FRG CONCURRENCE  
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IN THE AD REF TEXT IN REF (C), AS FULL ALLIED AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED. ALTHOUGH PARIS HAS APPROVED THAT TEXT WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGES, THE BRITISH HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS UNTIL TODAY. UPON LEARNING THAT A NEW SOVIET DEMARCHE WAS ON ITS WAY, THE FCO OBTAINED THE NECESSARY HIGH-LEVEL CLEARANCES THIS AFTERNOON AND APPROVED THE AD REF

REPLY IN REF (C). LONDON ALSO DECLINED THE SOVIET REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT UNTIL NEXT WEEK, WHILE EXPRESSING THE HOPE TO THE UK EMBASSY HERE THAT FULL AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED IN BONN ON THE EARLIER AD REF TEXT SO THAT IT COULD BE USED AS AN ON-THE-SPOT REPLY TO THE NEW DEMARCHE IN LONDON.

3. AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATION AMONG THE THREE EMBASSIES WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT LONDON'S PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE. WHILE THE DECEMBER 23 TEXT WOULD HAVE BEEN USEFUL IF ALL (READ LONDON) HAD APPROVED IT IN TIME FOR USE IN ALL THREE CAPITALS, THE FACT THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS PRECLUDED FROM USING IT MEANS THAT A FURTHER REPLY IS REQUIRED AT LEAST IN WASHINGTON. THAT REPLY WILL HAVE TO TAKE ACCOUNT NOT ONLY OF THE PREVIOUS REFERENCE TO "QUADRIpartite RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES," MENTIONED IN THE DECEMBER 23 TEXT BUT ALSO OF THE NEW REFERENCE TO SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACE AND TRANQUILITY IN EUROPE.

4. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO COORDINATE ON A REVISED REPLY AFTER RECEIVING A REPORT FROM THE FRG ON TODAY'S FALIN-VAN WELL CONVERSATION.  
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